

TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS

P R E S S R E L E A S E

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RESIDENTS ASKED TO CONSERVE FUEL

Governor Napolitano met with City and Town officials today to discuss the current gasoline situation facing Maricopa County. The Governor said that enough gas is being delivered to the valley at this point. The bottleneck is getting it to the gas stations. The distribution problem is two fold; 1) reserves at gas stations are limited; and 2) not enough delivery trucks and drivers.

During the meeting, Mayor Nichols notified Governor Napolitano and other State Officials of Fountain Hills gas stations fuel availability.

The Governor asked that all valley residents including citizens and businesses of Fountain Hills to participate in a volunteer gas usage reduction until demand returns to normal. Ways to reduce gas use as much as possible are:

1. Do not top off gas tanks which unnecessarily causes lines at gas stations;
2. Limit the use of all gas powered tools and equipment;
3. Limit the use of vehicles by eliminating all non-essential car travel; and
4. Use public transportation. Information regarding Fountain Hill's free weekly shuttle service is available by calling (623) 934-4256. Valley Metro bus services and schedules are available at (602) 253-5000 or online at www.valleymetro.org.

The Town is doing its part and has initiated the following Gas Reduction Plan, effective Tuesday, August 19, 2003:

1. Town employees are being encouraged to car pool and/or use public transportation;
2. Reduced street sweeping schedule;
3. Eliminating non-essential business travel;
4. Sheriff Deputies are walking business districts a minimum of two hours per shift;
5. Non-essential fire inspections reduced;
6. Use of SUV fire vehicles instead of larger vehicles and trucks; and
7. No public display or attendance of Sheriff or fire vehicles at educational or show-and-tell exhibits.

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Fountain Hills residents should be assured that essential service vehicles, such as law enforcement, fire and medical services will not be affected by the gas situation.

Governor Napolitano encourages people to report any cases of “price gouging” to the State Attorney General’s Offices at 602 642-5763 or on-line at www.ag.state.az.us.

Your cooperation and support to reduce gas consumption is encouraged and appreciated.